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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application.

In the final Office Action, claims 14-20 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Mantha et al. (U.S. 6,163,779), and claims 21-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mantha.

By the present Amendment, claims 14-24 are cancelled, and claims 25-34 are added. Independent claims 25 and 29 are directed respectively to reading text and listening to music and require connecting and reconnecting a portable memory to an interface device. In independent claim 32, the interface device includes a port for receiving the portable memory and a RAM that is supplied with a signal indicative of a given point in the text where the user stopped reading the text or a given point in the music where the user stopped listening to the music. The signal in the RAM is read in response to a second action by the user. The interface device responds to the signal read from the RAM by coupling the interface device to the stored address at the given point in the text or the given point in the music.

Mantha does not anticipate or render obvious the steps and elements of claims 25-34. Mantha merely discloses a "caching" operation, whereby a web page is stored so a user can get the same page again without network access. As is evident from columns 8-12,

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the portion cited in the Office Action, Mantha does not disclose bookmarking a particular point in a text or piece of music, recording the particular point in a portable memory which is connected to a user interface device, and then using the stored data indicative of the particular point in the text or piece of music to navigate to the particular point.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance are deemed in order, and such action is respectfully requested.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. \$1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the final Office Action. Authorization for payment of the \$120 government fee is attached.

Please charge any deficiency in the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1337. Please charge any other omitted fees, including extra claims fees, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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